

Don's lake or health?

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Albertans will soon find out whether their government's dedication to budget balancing is real or merely an excuse to get rid of programs considered superfluous by hard-right Tories.

A cost-benefit analysis by a highly reputable, independent firm says a \$13.1 million plan to raise the level of Buffalo Lake would deliver only \$11 million in economic benefits, all of which would accrue to nearby property owners, including Premier Don Getty.

If the government chooses to go ahead with this dubious project at a net loss of \$2 million while cutting back allocations to hospitals and schools, the people of Alberta will have a crystal clear picture of its true priorities.